

1 **Abstract**

(Figure 1)

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3 **Pipe Liner Connector**

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5 A pipe liner connector suitable for connecting pipe  
6 sections that comprise a liner is described. The pipe  
7 liner connector comprise vents and/or venting grooves  
8 which act to balance the pressure between the micro-  
9 annulus, formed between the liner and the pipe sections,  
10 and the pipe bore formed when the pipe sections are  
11 connected together. The inclusion of these features  
12 helps prevent the collapse or the uncontrolled distortion  
13 of the pipe liner connector during pressure cycles in  
14 operating pipelines.

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